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**The Holy Eucharist**

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

***The Staff***

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Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Debbie Wild, Senior Warden

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer

Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk

Jeanne Rayner & Cheri Walter,

Altar Guild Co-Directors

**May Birthdays  
Happy Birthday!!**

Jim Ceithaml	5 - 6
John Odiorne	5 - 8
Rick Walter	5 - 11
Carrie Reynolds	5 - 16
Jewell Graves	5 - 17
Bryce Warner	5 - 18
Margaret Mejia	5 - 18
Ruth Campbell	5 - 20
Bert McConnell	5 - 21
Joseph Herrmann	5 - 26

***May Anniversaries  
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Marge &amp; Gabe Zawadzki</i>	5 - 3
<i>Dave &amp; Sharon O'Hara</i>	5 - 16
<i>Carrie &amp; Jeremy Reynolds</i>	5 - 17
<i>Donna &amp; Ed Jamrog</i>	5 - 23

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May 2016



The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

What a wonderful celebration we had Sunday celebrating the 5th anniversary of my installation as your rector! It's hard to believe five years have passed since then! Thanks to all who helped coordinate this special day, brought food, donated toward my gift etc. I know a lot happens behind the scenes to pull together such a lovely event and I thank you all for making my day so special! Thanks as well for the generous gift cards for golf and dinner! I am looking forward to golfing when my recovery progresses a bit more. It is a short term goal to get out on the golf course this summer and Mike and I will enjoy spending some time together on the links!

It was fun looking out the windows and seeing our field filled with dandelions and kids playing, and some parents visiting. It brought joy to my heart watching these young kids having fun at church! Spring is in the air and summer is not too far behind! We have a few upcoming events just around the corner with the R.E.L.I.C.S. Mother's Day sale on May 8th featuring "treats, treasures, and tomato plants!!" You can help the R.E.L.I.C.S. both by shopping that day and also bringing baked good for them to sell. All proceeds are given away to various worthy causes in the community and around the world. Then the following week, May 15th is Pentecost with another all parish brunch at 9:00AM to celebrate the "birthday of the church" and the many gifts of the Holy Spirit present in this place. Additionally, we will be celebrating our newcomers that day and at 1:00PM that afternoon we will be featuring the movie "Inside Out" for some extended fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there as we continue to celebrate our life together!

I am excited that on Tuesday May 17th the R.E.L.I.C.S. are hosting a dinner for the ladies of St. Hugh and the Church of the Redeemer featuring a presentation by Amity Carruba and Rose Cicero on the progress of establishing a Magdalene House in Chicago. The R.E.L.I.C.S. will provide our dinner and a free will offering will all be donated to Magdalene House Chicago. Bring your checkbook or cash and dig deep! I hope we will have a huge turn out to support this terrific ministry! You can learn more about Magdalene House and it's ongoing ministry by Googling it or Thistle Farms, or the Rev. Becca Stevens, the founder of the first Magdalene Home in Nashville. From all I have learned about this ministry it is based on the transformative message of the gospel. As their company motto says, "Love heals." We can be a part of helping victims of sex abuse, drugs, trafficking, and prostitution get a fresh start and find out how beloved they are! We are blessed at St. Hugh to have the R.E.L.I.C.S. always looking for ways to spread God's love to those in need! Let's support them so they can continue to support others!

It's hard to find words to express the gratitude I have for each of you sharing in bringing God's love to this broken world. So I am going to borrow some of Paul's words in his letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)

With Love and Appreciation,

Marion+

## Senior Warden Report

Here it is May already!! It seems like only a few weeks ago we were shoveling snow and praying for spring. Now we have spring flowers and blossoming trees and much greening of the landscape. It is all very welcome and enjoyed. Part of spring for St. Hugh is the annual celebration of Marion becoming our beloved Rector. It has been 5 years since she was installed, and more since she was our priest in charge before that. We have been through a lot of life in these past 5 years and she has been there with us to see us through the ups and downs. We really are blessed to have such a wonderful, warm and caring Priest! I speak for all of us when I say "Thank You" to Marion for all she is and for all she does for us. We really missed you while you were healing. and we pray for continued healing to restore your leg and knee to full use (including Golf).

There are so many people to thank for help with Marion's anniversary celebration. Peola did a wonderful job with the food and festivities, and Jane Watson did a great job of decorating. All of the volunteers did a great job of setting up, serving, and cleaning up. It is wonderful how willingly people serve here at St. Hugh.

Summer is just around the corner, and it provides a great opportunity for people to try new things in serving the church. If everyone tried one new thing this summer, it would pretty well cover most of the service positions. I especially encourage people to try serving as an acolyte. It is very meaningful and a most important job for the Eucharist. We need more acolytes throughout the year as well, and this is a good time to try it out.

Sunday School will be taking a break this summer, so the children will be in the service with activity pages and coloring sheets to help keep them occupied while they listen. Our younger parishioners are so important to us, and we need to express our love of and appreciation for them. Some of you might consider taking the Keeping God's People Safe training so you can work in the nursery and Sunday School. We can always use more help.

May you have a wonderful month and enjoy the spring weather!

In Christ,  
Debbie Wild, Senior Warden

***From Karen: With my apologies, I didn't get Debbie's April article into the newsletter.***

***Here it is:***

The Lord is risen indeed! What a wonderfully joyous Easter celebration we had!! It was especially great to have Marion here with us to celebrate!! Thanks to everyone who polished, cleaned, arranged, set up, and cleaned up to help make everything run smoothly on Easter Sunday. The Easter egg hunt was a big hit with the kids as they joyously searched for eggs and then opened them with enthusiasm. Fellowship was warm and wonderful as we shared our Easter joy together.

The month of March kept teasing us with Spring, but I think now it is here to stay. Be on the watch for a clean-up day to help spruce up our grounds. Many hands make light work. It has been so gratifying to see the body of Christ working together these last couple of months while Marion has been healing. We have had so many wonderful volunteers for all the extra tasks and things have gone very well. We sure have missed Marion, though. She will be with us part time for awhile until she can drive again, but all is going well so far with her leg. We do need to still keep her and her father, Paul, in our prayers.

The bright new red banner on Randall Road is very eye-catching for special events. Perhaps we can raise enough money to buy another one for Highland as well.

We had a few visitors for Easter, and they were warmly received by our loving congregation. See the difference love makes!!

We are still in need of more acolytes. Training is easy and FREE!! It is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and your fellow parishioners. Contact Marion or the office if you are interested. April promises blooming flowers and we look forward to sunnier days. May the Lord bless you in a special way this month as you draw closer to Him.

Debbie Wild, Senior Warden

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Please remember to sign up to remember someone or a special occasion on the Flower list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$30. Envelopes are available near the list. Please drop the completed envelope in the offertory plate or the mailbox on the office door



*Happy Mother's Day to our St. Hugh Mom's  
on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.*

May 1st is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



William F. "Bill" Schmitz  
October 21, 1941 -  
January 26, 2016

The family of Bill Schmitz  
cordially invites you to attend  
his Celebration of Life Service  
at St. Hugh, on Saturday,  
June 4, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Bill was a faithful member of St. Hugh. Our family began attending services at Hillcrest School, and a Catholic and a Lutheran found common ground in the Episcopal faith. We joined St. Hugh in 1970, and were members here for more than thirty years. Bill served several terms on the vestry and on various committees, as well as being a lay reader.

Although we moved to Iowa in 2004, we visited St. Hugh whenever possible. It has always held a very special place in our hearts. Now we are honoring Bill's wish to have his memorial service at St. Hugh; he loved this church and its people.

We are so thankful for all of your prayers and support during Bill's illness; you gave us such strength and comfort. "Bill's strife is o'er, the battle done...alleluia."

Our family hopes you can join us on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Schmitz

# **RELICS May Meeting**

RELICS will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at noon in Wiedrich Hall to finalize plans for our Mother's Day bake/plant/treasures sale and for the Magdalene House Dinner on May 17. Shawl Ministry meets at 10:30.

## **TREATS, TREASURES & TOMATO PLANTS!!!**

Please join the ladies of Relics as we hold our annual Mothers Day Sale between and after the May 8th Sunday services!!

We are selling pies, cakes, cookies and other fancy sugar TREATS!

We are selling singularly fine Treasures of jewelry, China bowls and glass pieces!

And we are selling TOMATO PLANTS (along side other greenery!!) and planted flowers!

Bring your appetites and CASH (checks are accepted with Relics in the memo section) .....

Support the RELICS and purchase something special for the sister, mother, aunt, or lady of the house!!!

### **Magdalene House Dinner**

The RELICS invite all women of St. Hugh to join us for dinner on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 PM in Wiedrich Hall. Featured that evening is a presentation by Amity Carrubba and Rose Cicero from Magdalene House Chicago on the progress to establish a Magdalene House in the Diocese of Chicago.

Magdalene House Chicago is modeled on Magdalene House Nashville founded by Episcopal priest Becca Stevens, and seeks to serve women in recovery from abuse, sex trafficking, prostitution and addiction.

Over the past year members of RELICS have studied the problem of commercial sex trafficking and are enthusiastic and supportive of the effort to establish Magdalene House. We would be very pleased if you would join us for the evening.

RELICS is providing dinner. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Magdalene House.

Please RSVP to the St. Hugh office at [sthugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sthugh@sbcglobal.net) or 847-695-7695 or on the sign-up sheet by May 15.

# HELP WANTED

Marsha Wojcik, a member of St. Hugh, who attends the 10:30AM service when she can, would like to be at church regularly but she can't drive due to her visual impairment. She lives in downtown Elgin, east of the river, at 156 Division Apt 308. If you'd be willing to bring Marsha to church, please let me or Karen know. If we can get a number of volunteers we could set up a schedule. Marsha really misses being at church and would love to join us on a regular basis. Hope you can help!!

## Building and Grounds News by Stephen Wendorf

The Earth Day Spring Clean-up at St. Hugh on April 23<sup>rd</sup> went very well! The morning was nice and not hot (yet) making it pretty comfortable for the 12 or so St. Hugh volunteers to get the outside spruced up. Would you believe 12 to 14 yard bags were filled with yard debris?!!

Thank you to all the parishioners who came out for their enthusiasm and great work.

At the Vestry meeting in may, Craig Skeppstrom will talk about the professional work that needs to be done to improve the columbarium area, making it safe and attractive. We should have the cost estimates and other details in place so that a decision can be made to proceed.

Finally, the church's air conditioners have been serviced and a new replacement unit should be installed and working around May 1, 2016.

Dear St. Hugh family, friends, and visitors,

We have many unique and wonderful gifts that God has given us at St. Hugh. We are richer because of you!

With gratitude, thanks, and excitement, please join us for a Celebration and Brunch/Pot Luck on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. church services at St. Hugh.

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red for the fire of the Holy Spirit. If you can, please wear red as a reminder of the Holy Spirit alive in our midst on May 15, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you on May 15th for St. Hugh's Pentecost celebration.

Brunch/Pot Luck suggestions are:

Your Food Choice  
Breakfast or Lunch Casserole  
Meats or Breakfast Sausages  
Salad (Vegetable or Fruit)  
Coffee Cake/breads  
Nuts/Cookies  
Drinks (Orange, Grapefruit, Pineapple, or your choice)

If you have any questions about the brunch/ Pot Luck, please contact Peola Alleyne Mills or Debbie Wild. (Peola's email: [peolaa@gmail.com](mailto:peolaa@gmail.com) or via telephone at 630.400.7800. Debbie's email, [wildprairie2000@yahoo.com](mailto:wildprairie2000@yahoo.com) or via telephone at 847-695-2181)

Spring 2016

Dear Friends:

You are receiving this email because you have expressed a desire for more information on planned giving or legacy society planning.

We are nearing the date for the annual gathering of the Society of Miriam and I am writing in part to ask you to alert your congregation to the event and the possibility of their eligibility for membership. Self-identified members will receive their invitations shortly and I would hate to leave anyone off the list!

In addition, however, this annual even can serve as an opportunity to remind your congregation about *planned giving opportunities in your church or parish as well*. You may wish to put a mention of the upcoming Society of Miriam event in your bulletin or e-news (an example is provided below) with a note about giving to your congregation. If you have a planned giving chair or shepherd, this is an excellent opportunity to make him or her known to the congregation, should they have questions about planned giving.

*The Society of Miriam, the legacy society for the Diocese of Chicago, holds its annual gathering this year on Wednesday, April 27 from 4:30PM-6:30PM at St. James Commons, 65 East Huron, Chicago, IL.*

*The Society of Miriam recognizes and celebrates individuals who have made a lasting commitment to the future of the Episcopal church, its visions, ministries and work. Membership is open to any person who has made provision for any Episcopal entity in their estate planning. Whether you have included your congregation, an Episcopal school, charity, or diocese in your will or estate planning, in any amount, you are a welcome member of the Society of Miriam.*

*The 2016 gathering, hosted by Bishop Lee, is open to members and their guests by invitation. To RSVP or to inquire about membership, please contact Shay Craig at [SCraig@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:SCraig@episcopalchicago.org), or 312-751-3576.*

Thank you for your assistance in identifying persons in your congregations who may be members of the Society without being aware of it and for your part in keeping the conversation going around planned giving. Remember also that I am glad to come and talk to your congregations about planned giving at an adult forum, as part of a series or to a select group who may be interested. Please feel free to call on me as a resource for development in your congregation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Faithfully,

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